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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Research and Development, OSA

SUBJECT: Provision of Sleeping Bags and Other
Survival Items for the IDEALIST Program

1. I concur with the comments and recommendations in the attached document (subject as above,).

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2. Request your office initiate actions required to provide sleeping bags for seat kits and necessary modifications to the rucksack and life raft inflation.

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Deputy for Operations, OSA

Attachment - 1
As stated

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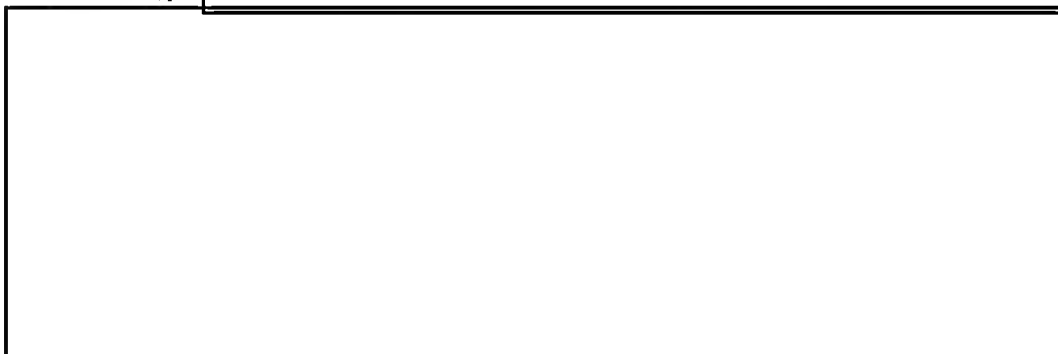
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1. [Redacted] are currently flying without sleeping bags and other vital survival equipment developed specifically for the OXCART program, but readily available and definitely applicable to the IDEALIST configuration and mission. Specifically these are:

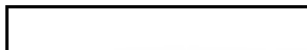
a. Walk around sleeping bags. These are life or death items during the winter months in many areas in the U.S. and in China, Korea, Tibet, and the Himalayan Highlands, as well as other areas of possible future deployment. These are packed in the OXCART seat cushion. [Redacted]

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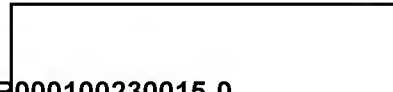


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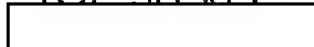
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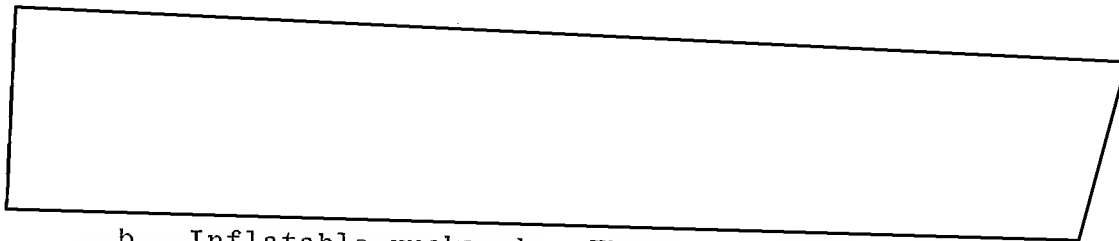


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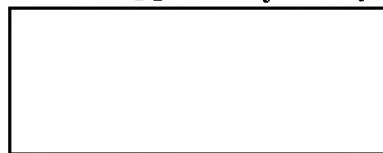


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b. Inflatable rucksack. This is a simple modification of the rucksack now used in the IDEALIST kits, which is extremely important for water survival. Improved shoulder straps should also be included.

c. Modified kit lanyard for automatic or manual life raft inflation. Another simple modification giving the pilot the option of not inflating his raft if descending over timbered areas where the raft's hang up could be disastrous.

2. Because of the vital life saving importance we attribute to these items we urge that the Deputy for Research and Development be requested to proceed immediately with these modifications to the IDEALIST life support system.



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Chief, Intelligence Division
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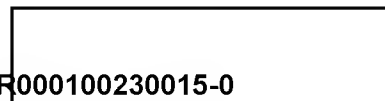
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